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# BLACKHAWK

STEADY, GANG...THE  
RAM WILL BE IN OUR  
SIGHTS ANY SECOND NOW!  
REMEMBER...THIS IS A  
LAST DITCH STAND!  
CONQUER...OR BE  
CONQUERED!

OUI, MON AMI/  
BUT ZE RAM  
HAS DEFEATED US  
TWICE BEFORE! I  
FEAR NOTHING  
CAN STOP IT!



OUT OF THE SKY IT CAME TO HURTLE  
DOWN UPON AN UNSUSPECTING WORLD!  
THE MAMMOTH MACHINE OF EVIL  
BATTERED EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH TO  
DESTRUCTION! IS IT POSSIBLE FOR THE  
FAMED BLACKHAWKS TO TURN BACK THIS  
SPACE INVADER AND SAVE CIVILIZATION?  
THE ODDS AGAINST THE FAMED FIGHTERS  
FOR FREEDOM WERE GREAT...FOR  
APPARENTLY NO FORCE ON EARTH COULD STOP...

**THE JET PROPELLED  
TERROR!**





# BLACKHAWK

DAWN INCHES ITS WAY OVER THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT AND A STARTLED CITIZENRY GAZES SKYWARD IN AWE!

FOR THERE, SUSPENDED LIKE THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES ABOVE THE REVOLVING EARTH, IS A STRANGE OBJECT FLOATING IN FREE SPACE!

WHAT IS IT? HOW DID IT GET THERE? THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS REPEATED TIME AND TIME AGAIN IN AN EMERGENCY CONFERENCE WHICH THE FAMED BLACKHAWKS ATTEND AT LONDON OBSERVATORY!

I-I CAN'T MAKE IT OUT! THE REFLECTION OF THE SUN'S RAYS OFF THE MASS MAKES IDENTIFICATION IMPOSSIBLE! PERHAPS THIS EVENING...

THAT MAY BE TOO LATE, DOCTOR! THERE MUST BE SOME EXPLANATION FOR ITS PRESENCE THERE! IF WE ONLY KNEW WHAT IT WAS!

OH, COLLIES!

B-BLACKHAWK! THE MASS... IT'S ERUPTING! A-A FLAMING METEOR IS NURLING EARTHWARD!

MON AMI! WHERE DO YOU GO?

ANDRE... SHE'S GOING TO CRASH SOMEWHERE ON THE CONTINENT! LET'S GET TO THE AIRFIELD, MEN!

OVER THE CITY OF BRANDENBURG THE AIRBORNE BLACKHAWKS MAKE A FRIGHTENING DISCOVERY!

DAS IS NO METEOR... BUT A SHIP, BLACKHAWK!

RIGHT, HENDRICKSON! AND FROM THE WAY IT'S APPROACHING THAT CITY DOWN THERE I'D SAY IT WAS HOSTILE! FAN OUT FOR ATTACK... JUST IN CASE!

CC FANTASTIC SPEED THE HUGE MACHINE THUNDERS DOWN UPON THE CITY! THEN WITH A DEAFENING ROAR IT LEVELS OFF AND...

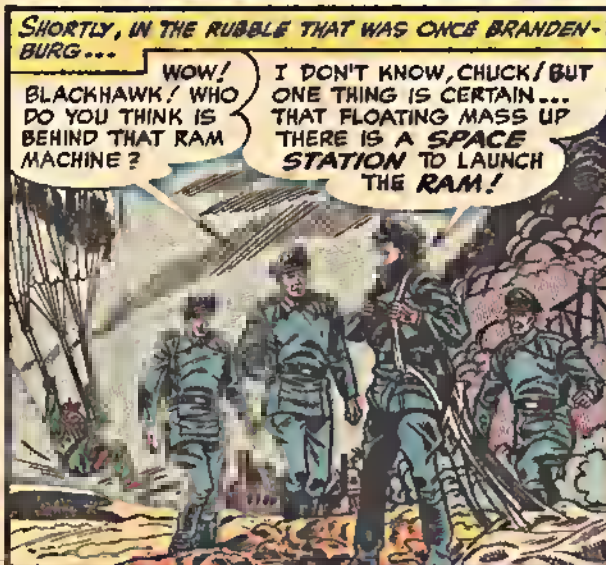
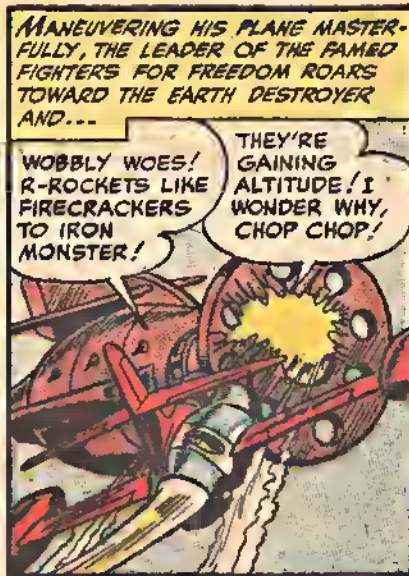
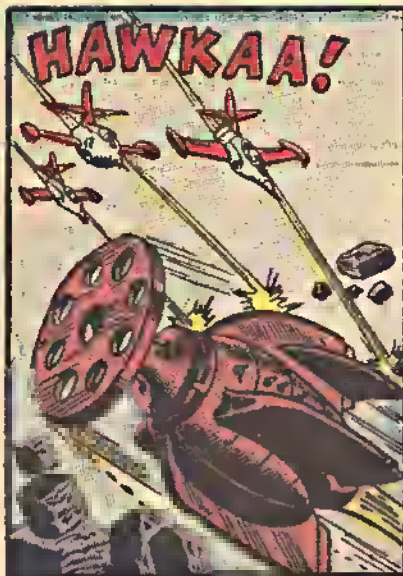
YUMPIN' YIMMINY! IT BAN, KNOCKING THE CITY TO PIECES!

LIKE A...A GIANT RAM, OLAF! WE'VE GOT TO STOP THAT THING! PREPARE FOR ALL-OUT DIVE ASSAULT!

SWISSSHHHH!

KAFFUMP!





G-GREAT SCOTT! THAT MACHINE MUST BE TRAVELING NEARLY 1500 MPH! CAN'T GET OUT OF THEIR WAY! PREPARE FOR EMERGENCY EJECTION!

W-WE'RE NOT SCRATCHING THAT ARMOR WITH OUR BULLETS! I'M GOING TO TRY A FRONTAL ATTACK WITH ROCKETS! FOLLOW ME IN, HENDRICKSON!

JA!

MANEUVERING HIS PLANE MASTERFULLY, THE LEADER OF THE FAMED FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM ROARS TOWARD THE EARTH DESTROYER AND...

WOBBLY WOES! R-ROCKETS LIKE FIRECRACKERS TO IRON MONSTER!

THEY'RE GAINING ALTITUDE! I WONDER WHY, CHOP CHOP!

SHORTLY, IN THE RUBBLE THAT WAS ONCE BRANDENBURG...

WOW! BLACKHAWK! WHO DO YOU THINK IS BEHIND THAT RAM MACHINE?

I DON'T KNOW, CHUCK! BUT ONE THING IS CERTAIN... THAT FLOATING MASS UP THERE IS A SPACE STATION TO LAUNCH THE RAM!

I'M AFRAID WHOEVER IS BEHIND IT ALL IS OUT TO SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROY CIVILIZATION! AND THEY STAND A GOOD CHANCE... WITH A DEADLY MACHIN LIKE THAT BEHIND THEM!



# BLACKHAWK

THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD ARE QUICK TO RESPOND TO THEIR COMMON DANGER! THROUGH UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH!

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAS INSTRUCTED ME TO PLACE ALL LAND, SEA AND AIR POWER AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE WORLD LEGION!

ITALY ALSO JOINS THE LEGION DONATING ALL AVAILABLE ARMS.



THIS, THE WORLD LEGION IS BORN! AND THERE IS BUT ONE MAN WHO CAN LEAD THIS VAST POOL OF MEN AND WAR MACHINES TO VICTORY!

YOU ARE HEREBY MADE SUPREME COMMANDER OF ALL WORLD LEGION FORCES! CONGRATULATIONS, BLACKHAWK! THE FATE OF CIVILIZATION IS IN YOUR HANDS!

I'LL DO MY BEST, SIR!



LATER, THE SUPREME COMMANDER HOLDS A COUNCIL OF WAR AT HIS HEADQUARTERS

BRANDENBURG, ONE OF THE TOP INDUSTRIAL CITIES OF EUROPE, WAS THE RAM'S FIRST TARGET! ON THE THEORY THAT IT WILL DESTROY ONE CITY AT A TIME THE SECOND TARGET SHOULD BE...

SACRE BLEU! MY OWN HOMELAND'S TOWN OF CHERVAL!



I'M AFRAID SO, ANDRE! AS A MUNITIONS CENTER IT'S THE LOGICAL PLACE THEY'D STRIKE! BUT WE'LL BE WAITING FOR THE RAM THIS TIME... WITH ENOUGH FIRE POWER TO BLAST IT APART!

GOOT! I WANT TO KNOW WHO DER MURDERERS ARE!



I'VE ASSIGNED EACH OF YOU TO LEAD A DIFFERENT UNIT... HERE ARE YOUR ORDERS! DESTROY THEM AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN MEMORIZED!



JUST BEFORE DAWN THE FOLLOWING MORNING COMMANDER BLACKHAWK MAKES A FINAL REVIEW OF HIS OFFICERS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CHERVAL!

FIELD ARTILLERY REPORTING, SIR!

INFANTRY BAN FIT, SIR!

DER TANK CORPS IS READY, HERR COMMANDER!

ALL PEOPLES HAVE BEEN EVACUATED FROM THE CITY!

COMMUNICATIONS CORPS READY!

RESERVE UNIT AWAITING ORDERS!

MOVE OUT TO YOUR ASSIGNED AREAS... AND GOOD LUCK!





# BLACKHAWK

AS THE SUN RISES THE GREAT SPACE STATION IN THE SKY SUDDENLY SPEWS FORTH ITS OMINOUS WORLD DESTROYER!



YUMPIN' YUPITER! I BAN TANK YOU MAKE THE RIGHT GUESS, BLACK-HAWK! THE MACHINE IS COMING HERE!

IT APPEARS THAT WAY, OLAF! ATTENTION ALL UNITS! HOLD YOUR FIRE...WE DON'T WANT TO TIP OUR HAND YET!

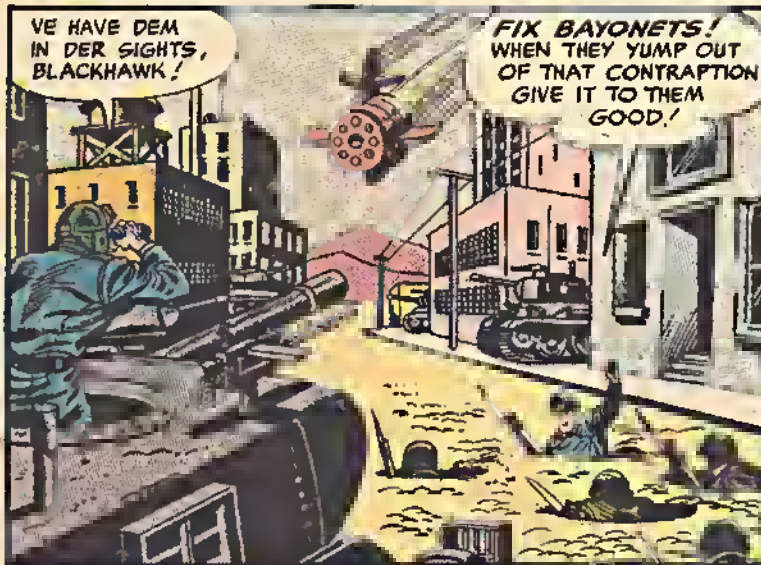


ZEY ARE WITHIN ZE RANGE OF MY GUNS, MON AMI! I AWAIT YOUR ORDERS!

NOT YET, ANDRE! HENDRICKSON, LET ME KNOW WHEN YOUR TANKS HAVE THE RAM ZEROED IN! OLAF, GET YOUR MEN READY!



WE HAVE DEM IN DER SIGHTS, BLACKHAWK!



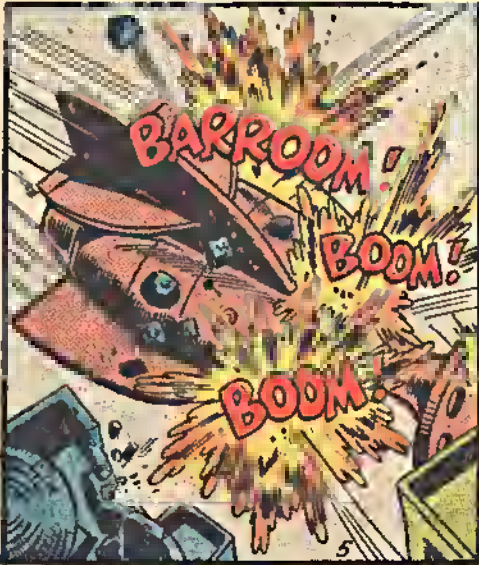
FIX BAYONETS! WHEN THEY YUMP OUT OF THAT CONTRAFTION GIVE IT TO THEM GOOD!

FIRE ALL UNITS!

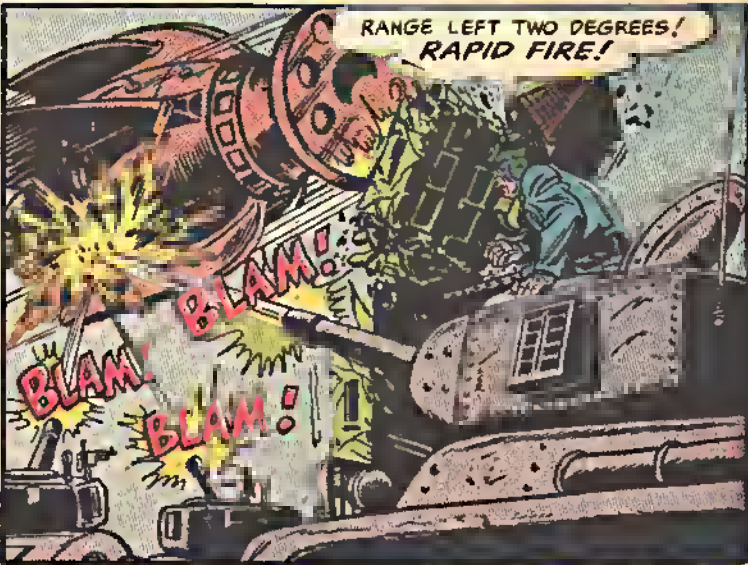
MISELABLE MACHINE MEET PROPER END AT LAST!



BARROOM!  
BOOM!  
BOOM!



RANGE LEFT TWO DEGREES! RAPID FIRE!





BUT AFTER MINUTES OF CONSTANT SHELLING!

GREAT SCOTT! THE RAM'S STILL MOVING... OUR SHELLS HAD NO EFFECT ON IT!

DONNERVETTER! UND VE BLASTED IT AT POINT-BLANK RANGE!

IF I DID NOT SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES I WOULD NOT BELIEVE IT! ZE MACHINE IS INVINCIBLE!

NOT QUITE, ANDRE! THERE IS A WAY TO STOP IT... BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO CONTAMINATE THE AREA UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY!

YOUR RESERVE UNIT HAS AN ATOMIC CANNON! IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO GET INTO THE ACT AFTER ALL, CHUCK!

THAT'S OKAY BY ME, BLACK-HAWK! I'M READY AND WAITING.

IF THAT DOES NOT STOP THE RAM NOTHING WILL!

SHORTLY, AS THE VALIANT BLACKHAWKS TRACK DOWN THE DESTRUCTIVE WEAPON ABOARD THE ATOMIC CANNON CARRIER!

THE INFERNAL MACHINE... THERE IT IS, BLACKHAWK!

YES... AND IT LOOKS LIKE THAT DAM IS ITS NEXT TARGET! BATTLE STATIONS EVERYONE! THIS MAY BE OUR LAST CHANCE TO STOP THE RAM!

TOO LATE... IT'S BATTERED THAT DAM TO PIECES!

WE CAN STILL KNOCK THE RAM OUT! TRAIN THE CANNON OVER THE WATER! THE RAM WILL BE COMING OUT OF IT!

SPLIT SECONDS LATER, BLACKHAWK'S KEEN EYES MAKE A BRILLIANT OBSERVATION...

THAT DISTURBANCE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE... IT MUST BE CAUSED BY THE RAM'S JET EXHAUST! SHE'LL BE POWERING OUT THERE!

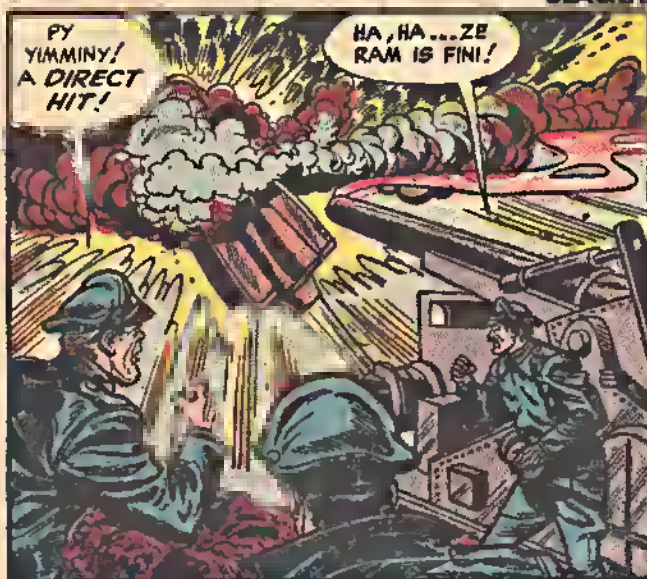
WE'LL GIVE IT AN A-CANNON SALUTE, BLACKHAWK! SEVEN DEGREES ELEVATION, ANDRE!

OUI!

THEN, AS THE MIGHTY RAM POWERS OUT OF THE WATERY DEPTHS...

FIRE!





PY  
YUMMINY!  
A DIRECT  
HIT!

HA, HA...ZE  
RAM IS FINI!

KAPUT!  
AH...YOU  
HAVE DER  
EYE OF A  
HAWK,  
CHUCK!

THANKS,  
HENDRICKSON!  
LET'S  
CELEBRATE!

SSH...GANG!  
LISTEN!



T-THE RAM  
STILL FLIES...  
BUT THAT  
CANNOT BE!

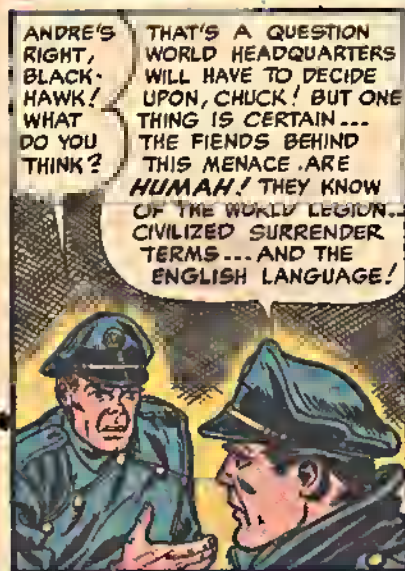
ACH...  
DER  
MACHINE  
ISS  
INVINCIBLE!

LOOK... A  
PARACHUTE  
FLARE FROM  
THE SHIP!

When the BLACKHAWKS  
RECOVER THE FLARE...

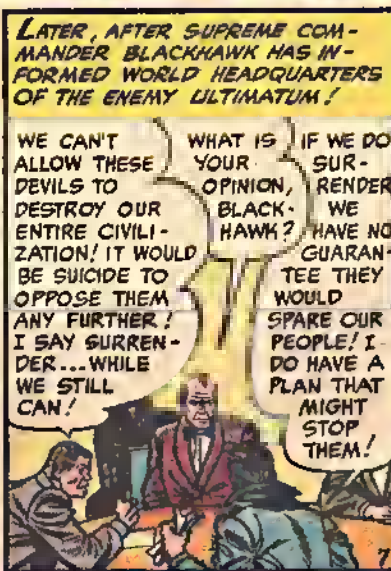
IT'S A MESSAGE ADDRESSED  
TO THE WORLD LEGION: "NOTHING  
CAN STOP US! SURRENDER ALL  
YOUR FORCES WITHIN ONE WEEK!  
OR WE WILL CONTINUE OUR  
SYSTEMATIC DESTRUCTION OF  
CIVILIZATION... WITHOUT  
LET-UP! (SIGNED) THE  
RAM! P.S. DEVONSHIRE  
IS NEXT!"

SACRE... THEY  
HAVE US AT THEIR  
MERCY! WE  
CANNOT STOP  
ZE MACHINE!  
NOTHING  
WEEL!



ANDRE'S  
RIGHT,  
BLACK-  
HAWK!  
WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK?

THAT'S A QUESTION  
WORLD HEADQUARTERS  
WILL HAVE TO DECIDE  
UPON, CHUCK! BUT ONE  
THING IS CERTAIN...  
THE FIENDS BEHIND  
THIS MENACE ARE  
HUMAN! THEY KNOW  
OF THE WORLD LEGION...  
CIVILIZED SURRENDER  
TERMS... AND THE  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE!



LATER, AFTER SUPREME COM-  
MANDER BLACKHAWK HAS IN-  
FORMED WORLD HEADQUARTERS  
OF THE ENEMY ULTIMATUM!

WE CAN'T  
ALLOW THESE  
DEVILS TO  
DESTROY OUR  
ENTIRE CIVILI-  
ZATION! IT WOULD  
BE SUICIDE TO  
OPPOSE THEM  
ANY FURTHER!  
I SAY SURREN-  
DER... WHILE  
WE STILL  
CAN!

WHAT IS  
YOUR  
OPINION,  
BLACK-  
HAWK?

IF WE DO  
SUR-  
RENDER  
WE HAVE NO  
GUARAN-  
TEE THEY  
WOULD  
SPARE OUR  
PEOPLE! I  
DO HAVE A  
PLAN THAT  
MIGHT  
STOP  
THEM!



...BUT I CAN'T  
DISCLOSE IT  
HERE! NOW THAT  
WE KNOW THE  
ENEMY IS A  
MEMBER OF OUR  
CIVILIZATION WE  
CAN'T TRUST  
ANYONE. I WOULD  
LIKE PERMISSION  
TO GO AHEAD WITH  
THE OPERATION,  
MR. PRESIDENT!

HEAR/  
HEAR!

IT'S  
UP TO  
YOU,  
BLACK-  
HAWK!



BUT, BLACKHAWK... YOU YOURSELF ADMIT DER MACHINE CANNOT BE DESTROYED! VOT ISS DISS PLAN OF YOURS? I'LL ADMIT IT'S A LONG SHOT, HEHRICKSON! TRUE... WE CAN'T KNOCK THE RAM OUT... BUT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF DELAYING IT HERE ON ONE OF ITS RAIDS! I'LL EXPLAIN IN MY QUARTERS!



SHORTLY...

IT IS NOT EASY TO UNDERSTAND, BLACKHAWK! SHOULD WE MANAGE TO DELAY THIS FANTASTIC WEAPON HOW COULD IT POSSIBLY BENEFIT US?



IF WE COULD ATTACH, HIGH EXPLOSIVES TO THE OUTER SURFACE OF THE RAM WE MIGHT KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE, STANISLAUS!

YOUR WORDS ARE LIKE ANDRÉS' NATIVE TONGUE, BLACKHAWK! THEY SOUND VELLY GOOD... BUT MEAN NOTHING TO THIS HUMBLE PERSON!

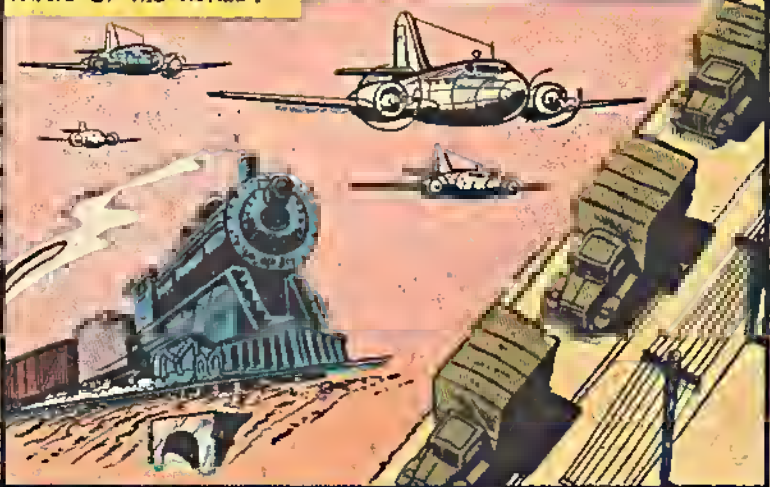
IT'S SIMPLE, CHOP CHOP! WE CAN'T REACH THE SPACE STATION... BUT THE RAM CAN! WE'LL UTILIZE THEIR MACHINE AS AN EXPLOSIVE CARRIER TO DESTROY THE SPACE LAUNCHER!



YUMPIN' YELLYFISH! WITHOUT THE SPACE LAUNCHER THE RAM IS USELESS! BUT BLACKHAWK... HOW CAN WE ATTACH THE EXPLOSIVES ONTO THE RAM? I TRAVELS YUST LIKE LIGHTNING! I KNOW, OLAF... AND THAT'S WHERE WE TAKE A GAMBLE! NOW HERE IS MY IDEA... THEY FOOLISHLY TIPPED US OFF TO THEIR NEXT TARGET... DEVONSHIRE!



FOR THE FOLLOWING DAYS THE TRANSPORTATION ARTERIES OF DEVONSHIRE ARE CHOKED WITH SECRET SHIPMENTS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD!



And STRANGE ORDERS ARE RECEIVED AT A LOCAL PLANE PLANT...

Y-YOU WANT THAT HELICOPTER COVERED WITH A THIN SHELL OF LEAD! SURE IT'S POSSIBLE, ISN'T IT, JOE? WE'LL DO OUR BEST, BLACKHAWK! THANKS, MEN! AND REMEMBER... EVERY INCH OF IT MUST BE COVERED! THAT MAY BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCCESS... AND FAILURE!



BUT EVEN MORE FANTASTIC ARE THE ORDERS RECEIVED BY THE DEFENDING ARMY!

TANKS WILL BE EVACUATED FROM THE AREA TO A LOCATION TWENTY MILES NORTH! ARTILLERY UNITS WILL BE ESTABLISHED THERE! INFANTRYMEN WILL TURN IN THEIR FIREARMS! NO RIFLES... I THINK BLACKHAWK'S SNAPPED! YEAH... WHAT'S HE UP TO?

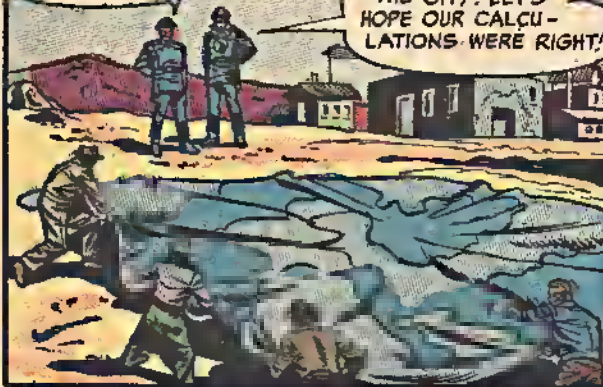




ON THE EVENING BEFORE THE PROMISED ATTACK, WORK-MEN WORK FEVERISHLY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY!

FINISHED AT LAST, BLACKHAWK! I WONDER IF YOUR IDEA WILL WORK?

THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE... IF THE RAM FLIES OVER THIS AREA TO TURN AROUND AND MAKE ANOTHER PASS AT THE CITY! LET'S HOPE OUR CALCULATIONS WERE RIGHT!



AT DAWN THE DESTROYER FROM SPACE APPEARS... AS PROMISED!

ANDRE TO AIRPORT! ZE 'RAM IS TRAVELING ON ZE ANTICIPATED COURSE! IT WILL BE AT TRAP LOCATION IN THREE MINUTES!

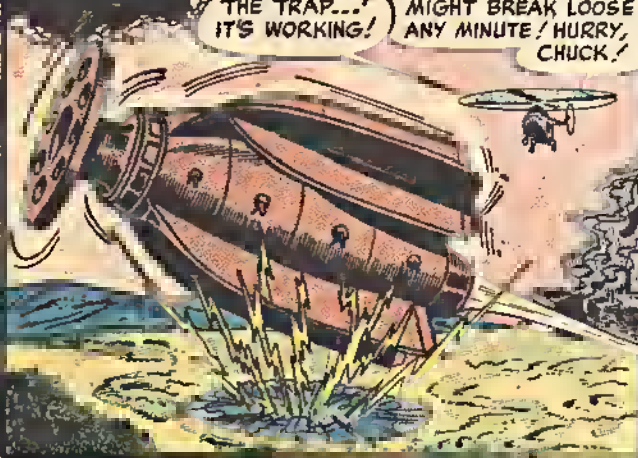
VELLY GOOD! BLACKHAWK TO DEPART FROM AIRPORT QUICK!



BATTERING ITS WAY THROUGH DEVONSHIRE THE MAMMOTH MACHINE CIRCLES THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY! BUT SUDDENLY...

BLACKHAWK! THE TRAP... IT'S WORKING!

YES... BUT THE RAM MIGHT BREAK LOOSE ANY MINUTE! HURRY, CHUCK!

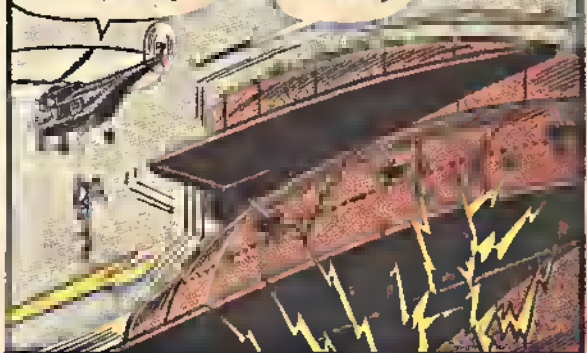


LIKE SOME GREAT UNSEEN HAND THE MAGNETIC RAYS FROM THE GROUND CLUTCH AT THE SPACE INVADER, HALTING ITS FORWARD MOVEMENT! WHILE ABOVE...

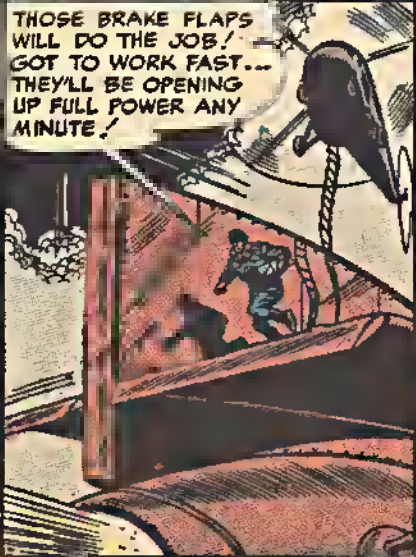
AT THE TAIL ASSEMBLY... THAT'S THE ONLY PLACE I CAN PLANT THESE EXPLOSIVES!

DROP ME

ROGER!



THOSE BRAKE FLAPS WILL DO THE JOB! GOT TO WORK FAST... THEY'LL BE OPENING UP FULL POWER ANY MINUTE!



WHEN THEY CLAMP DOWN ON THE BRAKES FOR A LANDING ON THAT SPACE STATION IT WILL SET OFF THE EXPLOSIVE DETONATOR... IF THE CHARGE DOESN'T BLOW FREE IN FLIGHT!



SUDDENLY...

W-WHA... THEY'VE INCREASED POWER... LOSING MY BALANCE!





# BLACKHAWK

I-I CAN'T LOOK!

WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! BUT I'M NOT OUT OF THIS MESS YET! WITH EXTRA POWER THIS THING IS A CINCH TO TEAR LOOSE FROM THE MAGNETIC FIELD ANY MINUTE!

BLACKHAWK! QUICK... GRAB THE LADDER! THE RAM WILL BE TAKING OFF ANY SECOND NOW...

I-I KNOW, CHUCK... BRING IT IN A LITTLE MORE... CAN'T REACH IT!

SUDDENLY, BLACKHAWK'S EARS ARE DEAFENED BY A TREMENDOUS ROAR AS THE RAM EXERTS FULL POWER AND...

G-GOT IT!

RRROOSSH

MINUTES LATER, ON THE GROUND...

ZE GIANT MAGNET WORKED, BLACKHAWK! IT DELAYED THE RAM LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO BOARD ZE SHIP!

JA! BUT... VUSS YOU SUCCESSFUL MIT DER EXPLOSIVES?

WE'LL KNOW IN TIME... WHEN THE RAM MAKES ITS LANDING ON THAT SPACE PLATFORM!

TENSE MOMENTS PASS! THE BLACKHAWKS EAGERLY SCAN THE SKY ABOVE! THEN...

THE RAM...IT IS LANDING UP THERE NOW!

BUT...NOTHING IS HAPPENING!

IT SHOULD ANY...

...MINUTE...

OH GOLLIES... LOOK! RAM TAKE UN-FORSEEN TRIP!

BARRROOOM!

YES... AND WITHOUT A LAUNCHING STATION TO SEND IT BACK TO EARTH THE RAM WILL FLOAT IN FREE SPACE FOREVER! A GRIM END FOR OUR ENEMIES... BUT A JUST ONE!

OUI! AND NOW LET US DESTROY ZE GIANT MAGNET SO ZAT ZE ARMY CAN ENTER THE CITY WITH THEIR EQUIPMENT! IRON IS NOT NON-MAGNETIC LIKE THE LEAD YOU COVERED ZE HELICOPTER WITH, BLACKHAWK!



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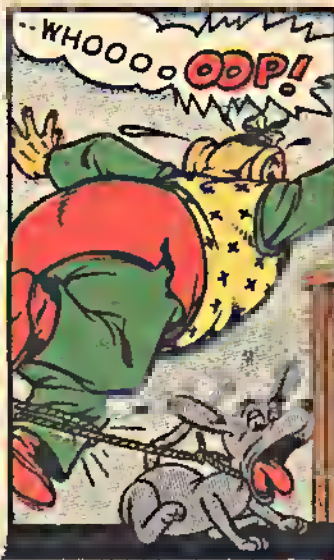
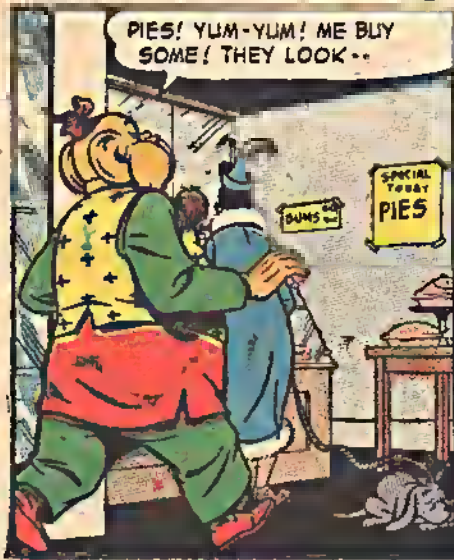
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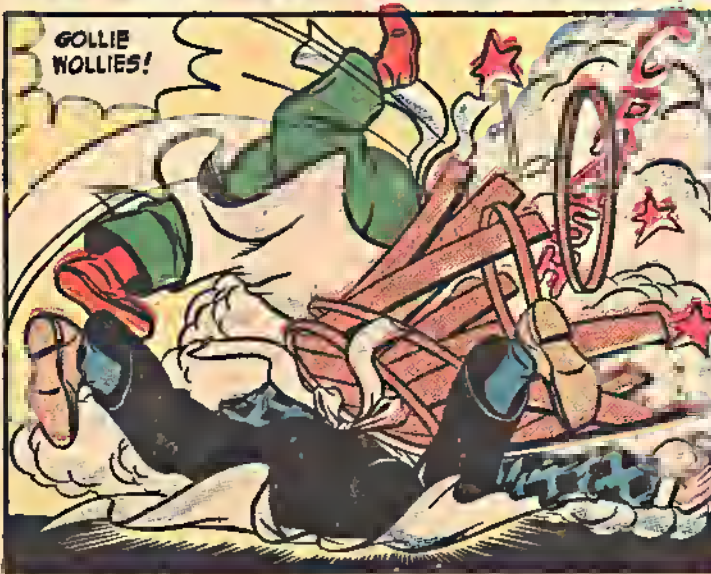
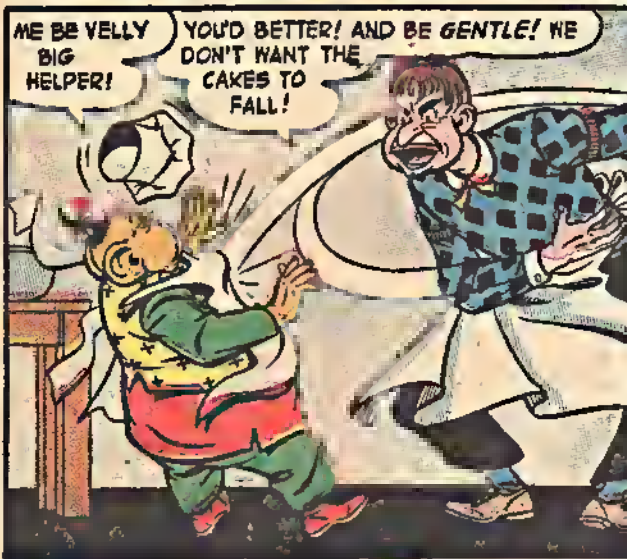
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stories.
- 3 Magnifying Glass to de-  
tect valuable details.
- 4 Special Watermark De-  
tector, guards against  
fakes.
- 5 300 Gummed Hinges to  
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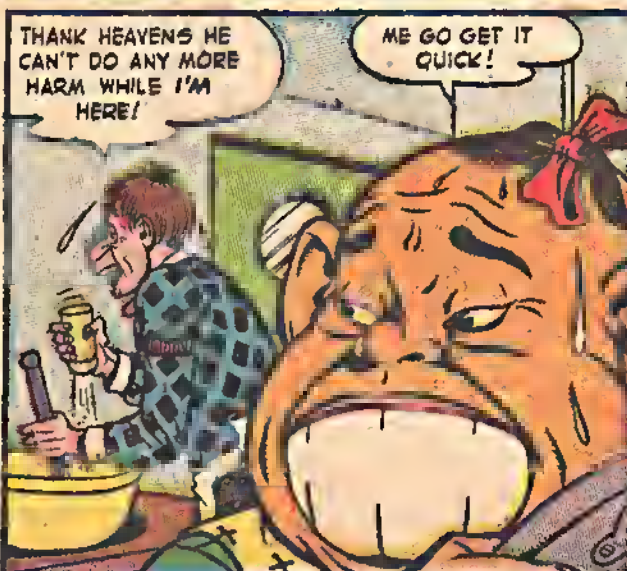
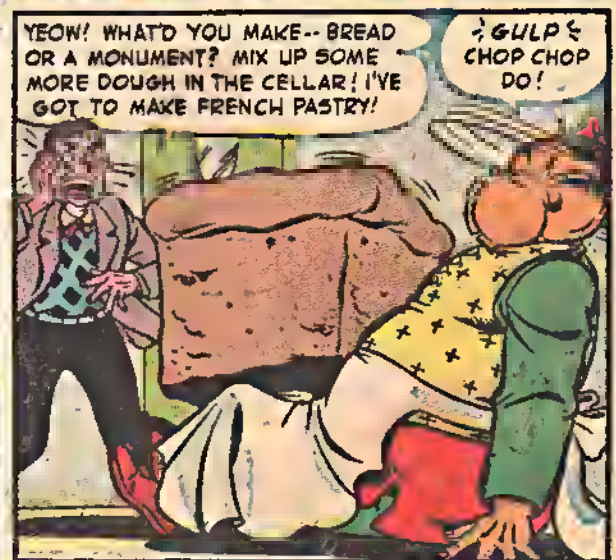
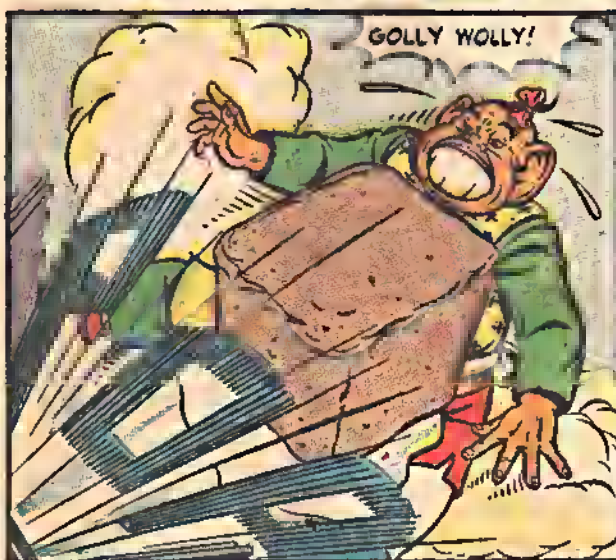
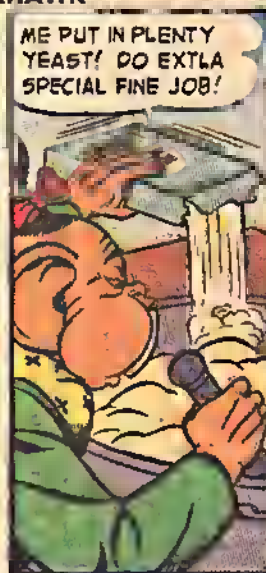




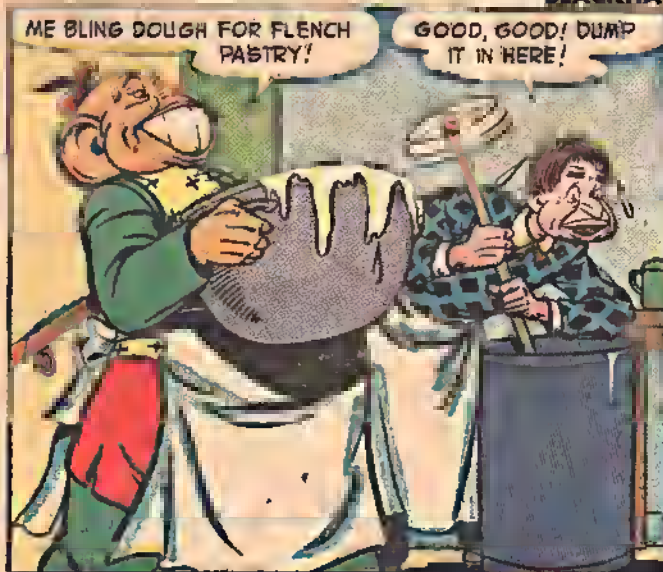












ME BLING DOUGH FOR FLENCH PASTRY!

GOOD, GOOD! DUMP IT IN HERE!



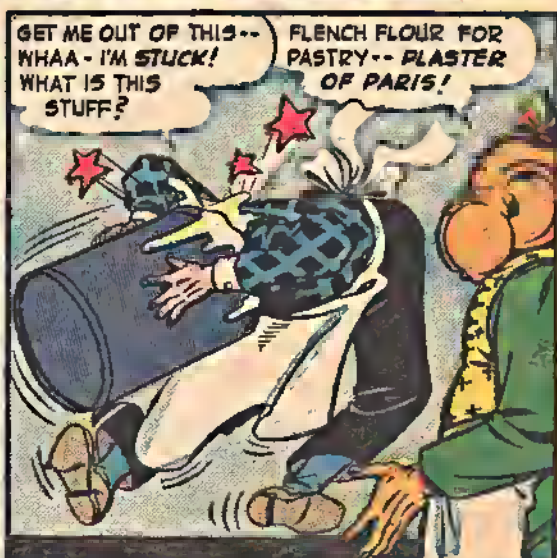
YOU TAKE STICK OUT OF CHOP CHOP'S EYE, SO HE CAN SEE--!

WE'LL MAKE MORE... YEEOOOMPHH!



HELP

YOU LOOK FOR SOMETHING IN BOTTOM OF BIG POT?



GET ME OUT OF THIS-- WHAA-- I'M STUCK! WHAT IS THIS STUFF?

FLENCH FLOUR FOR PASTRY-- PLASTER OF PARIS!



OH-- NOOR! GET OUT OF HERE! GET OUT!

ME GO! GOOD DAY!



YOU'VE RUINED ME!

YOU NOT APPRECIATE ALL HELP CHOP CHOP IS! DOOPH!



HE HAVE TOO BIG TEMPER! NO GOOD FOR HIS BUSINESS! CHOP CHOP NO BUY CAKES FROM HIM NO MORE!



# BLACKHAWK

IT'S... NO USE, GANG!  
RETREAT BEFORE THAT  
DEADLY RAY BLASTS US ALL  
INTO OBLIVION!

SACRE! ZEE  
MECHANICAL WIZARD  
HAS DEFEATED US  
AGAIN; BLACKHAWK!

IT WAS THE MOST FORMIDABLE FOE THE  
FAMED FIGHTERS FOR PEACE HAD EVER  
ENCOUNTERED! THE FANTASTIC MACHINE,  
WITH A SUPER MENTALITY, HAD REACHED  
OUT TO DOMINATE THOSE WHO INVENTED IT  
AND SOUGHT TO CONQUER THE WORLD!  
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE TO STOP A MECHANICAL  
ENEMY WHO CAN SENSE YOUR EVERY  
THOUGHT!... FORESEE YOUR EVERY ACTION?  
THIS WAS THE DIFFICULT QUESTION THAT  
PLAGUED THE MIGHTY BLACKHAWKS AS  
THEY BATTLED...

## The Fiendish Electronic Brain

UNREST SETTLES AMONG THE WORLD RENOWNED  
BLACKHAWKS AS THEY CARRY OUT AN ASSIGNMENT IN THE  
MOUNTAINS OF SOUTHERN FRANCE!

SEVEN WEEKS WE  
HAVE BEEN GUARD-  
ING THE LABORATORY,  
BLACKHAWK! CAN  
YOU NOT REQUEST  
A TRANSFER?

OUI, MON  
AMI! OUR  
HEARTS  
YEARN FOR  
ACTION!

WE MUST BE  
PATIENT, GANG!  
SOMETHING BIG  
IS GOING ON IN-  
SIDE THERE!  
THAT'S WHY THEY  
INSISTED *WE*  
TAKE THIS JOB!

AH, BLACKHAWK...WE HAVE  
FINISHED AT LAST! IN APPRE-  
CIATION OF YOUR SERVICES  
WE WOULD LIKE YOU AND  
YOUR MEN TO WITNESS  
THE FIRST TEST!

THANKS, PROFESSOR  
DUBOIS! NOW WE'LL  
FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS  
ALL ABOUT! C'MON,  
GANG!





BUBBLING WITH ANXIETY, THE FAMED FIGHTERS FOR PEACE ENTER THE LABORATORY WHERE...

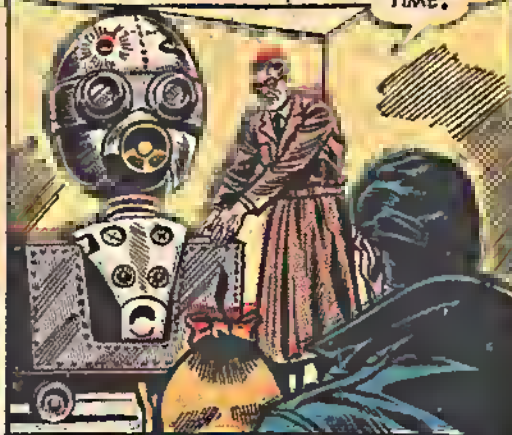
ACH DU LIEBER!  
VAT ISS IT?

I'VE...NEVER SEEN  
ANYTHING QUITE  
LIKE IT BEFORE,  
HENDRICKSON!

HOTSY TOTSY! JUST LIKE  
OPENING SURPRISE  
PACKAGE!



SINCE THE COMING OF THE ATOMIC AGE SCIENCE  
HAS BEEN CONFRONTED WITH INCREDIBLE  
MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS...PROBLEMS THAT  
WOULD TAKE MONTHS EVEN YEARS TO SOLVE!  
BUT THIS MACHINE WILL SAVE US THAT PRECIOUS  
TIME!



THIS MECHANICAL WONDER WE CALL  
"THE BRAIN" WILL BE ABLE TO SOLVE  
THE MOST COMPLEX PROBLEMS IN A  
MATTER OF **SECONDS!**  
WE WILL NOW  
PROCEED WITH  
THE INITIAL TEST!

PY  
YIMINY!



SACRE!  
WHAT DO  
YOU MAKE  
OF ZEE  
THING,  
BLACKHAWK?

IT'S POSSIBLE, ANDRE!  
THE GREATEST MINDS  
OF OUR TIME HAVE  
COLLABORATED ON  
THAT STARTLING  
INVENTION! SH-H...  
LET'S WATCH!



THEN, AS THE COMPLEX DEVICE IS  
STARTED...

THE ELECTRIC EYE OF  
THE BRAIN PHOTOGRAPHS THE  
MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM  
ON THIS CARD! THE  
ANSWER WILL BE  
FORTHCOMING  
IMMEDIATELY! O-EH...  
WHAT IS WRONG?  
ASSISTANTS!



THE PROFESSOR...  
SOMETHING IS  
WRONG!

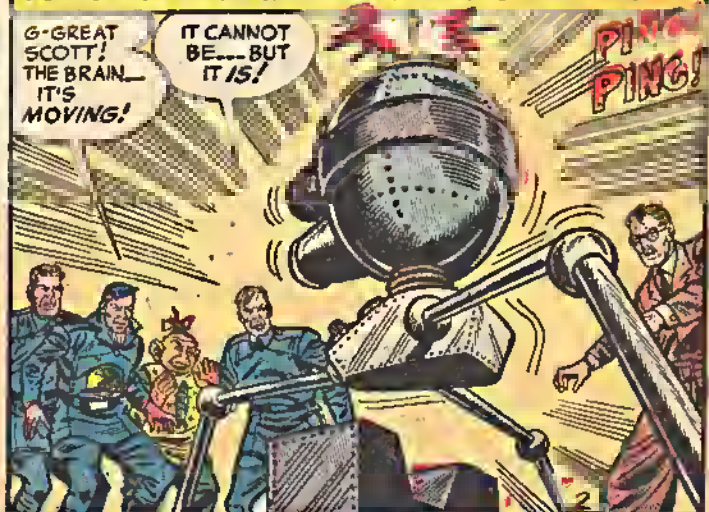
APPARENTLY THE BRAIN  
DIDN'T WORK PROPERLY,  
STANISLAUS! HIS ASSISTANTS  
ARE MAKING REPAIRS!



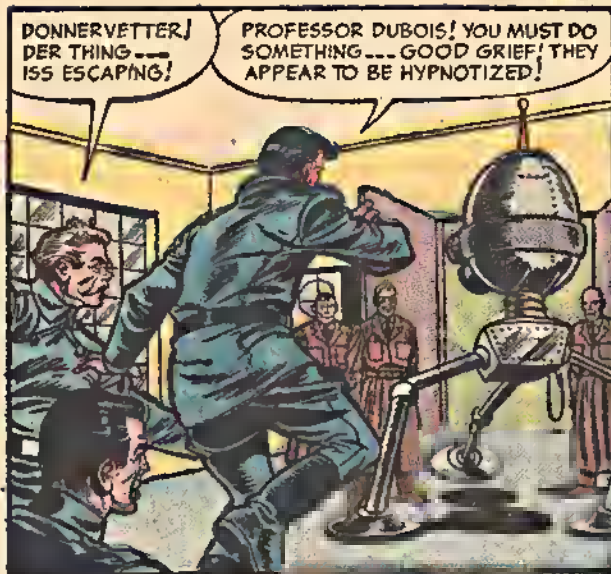
TEN...TWENTY...THIRTY MINUTES PASS! THEN, AN AWESOME  
SIGHT BRINGS THE BLACKHAWKS SPRINGING TO THEIR FEET!

G-GREAT  
SCOTT!  
THE BRAIN...  
IT'S  
MOVING!

IT CANNOT  
BE... BUT  
IT IS!







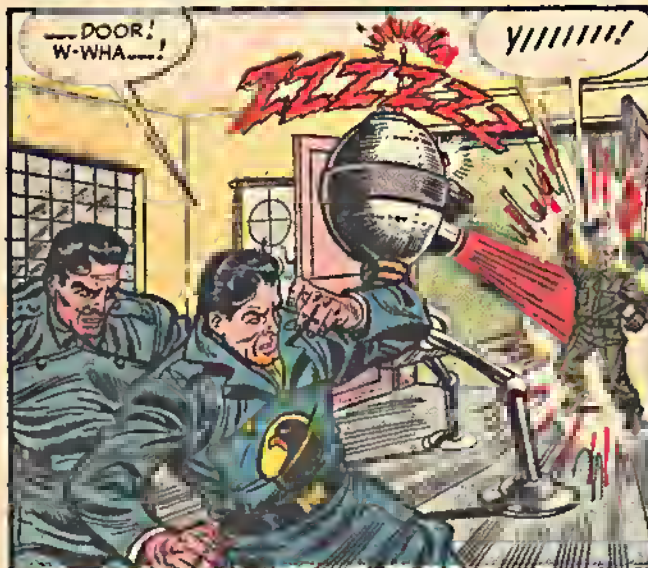
DONNERVETTER!  
DER THING ---  
ISS ESCAPING!

PROFESSOR DUBOIS! YOU MUST DO  
SOMETHING --- GOOD GRIEF! THEY  
APPEAR TO BE HYPNOTIZED!



THE BRAIN...IT'S  
MAKING FOR THAT  
EXIT! GUARD!  
SHUT THE...

PING!  
PING!



--- DOOR!  
W-WHA ---!

YIIIIIIII!



ZEE POOR MAN  
EES DEAD!

THAT MECHANICAL FREAK HAS  
GONE MAD! IT'S GOT TO BE  
STOPPED, ANDRE!



BUT HOW? THE BRAIN'S MOVING TOO  
FAST FOR ME TO GET MY HANDS ON  
THE CONTROLS! THAT MACHINE GUN...  
A FEW SLUGS WILL  
KNOCK THE THING  
OUT OF COM-  
MISSION. ---

PING!



G-GREAT THUNDER! IT BLASTED  
THAT GUN INTO OBLIVION JUST AS  
THOUGH IT REALIZED THE DANGER!  
THE BRAIN IS  
ALMOST SUPER  
HUMAN!



THIS IS MORE THEN PURE COINCID-  
ENCE! THAT MACHINE ACTUALLY  
ANTICIPATED MY ORDER TO THE  
GUARD AND BLASTED HIM DOWN...  
AND NOW THIS! IF I DIDN'T KNOW  
BETTER I'D SAY THE BRAIN *KNEW*  
WHAT I WAS  
THINKING!



**MOMENTS LATER, THE WORST IS REALIZED AFTER PROFESSOR DUBOIS REGAINS HIS SENSES IN THE LABORATORY!**

"IT'S FANTASTIC! I HAD NO CONTROL OVER MY MOVEMENTS...THOUGHTS! THE BRAIN ACTUALLY DOMINATED MY MIND AND COMMANDED ME AND MY ASSISTANTS TO CONSTRUCT LIMBS FOR IT!"

A MACHINE THAT CONTROLS HUMANS! I BAN TANK IT SOUNDS CRAZY!



ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE IN THIS DAY AND AGE, OLAF! BY SOME FANTASTIC FLUKE THAT MACHINE HAS BECOME OUR SUPERIOR! WHO KNOWS WHAT IT WILL DO RUNNING LOOSE! WE'VE GOT TO STOP IT!

YA! VEE MUST DESTROY DER THING, BLACKHAWK!



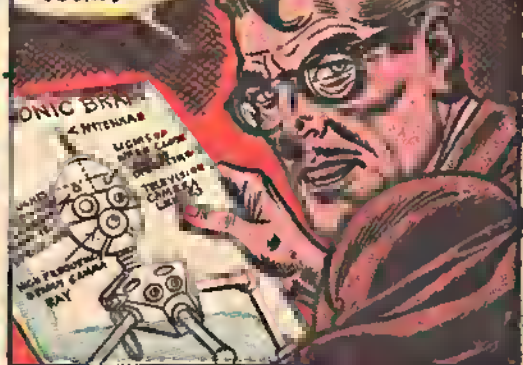
**AFTER THE BLACKHAWKS LEAVE ON THEIR MACABRE MISSION...**

HURRY! OUR GREATEST OPPORTUNITY IS AT HAND! WE MUST MAKE NO MISTAKES, RENKIN!

DO YOU REALLY THINK WE WILL SUCCEED IN DEFEATING THE BLACKHAWKS, PROFESSOR?



OF COURSE, YOU IDIOT! THIS INGENIOUS INVENTION OF MINE WILL NOT FAIL US! FROM THE CONCEALMENT OF THIS LABORATORY I CAN CONTROL THE BRAIN'S EVERY MOVE! TURN ON THE TELEVISION CAMERA AND SOUND!



WOOF! WOOF! EXCELLENT! OUR AUTOMATIC CONTROL SYSTEM IS WORKING PERFECTLY! PREPARE FOR MANUAL OPERATION... ADJUST LENS TO LONG SHOT... INCREASE SOUND RANGE!



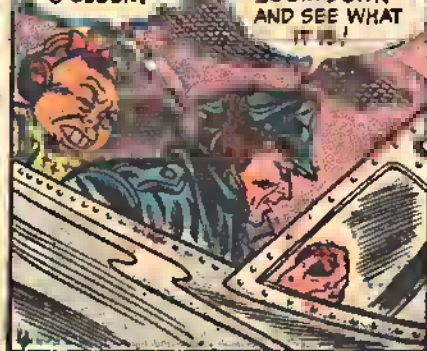
IN A SHORT TIME THE BRAIN WILL ATTACK FORT FREEDOM FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSASSINATING GENERAL WRIGHT, SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ALLIED FORCES! AND WHEN THE BLACKHAWKS ATTEMPT TO SAVE HIM WE SHALL DESTROY THEM ALL!



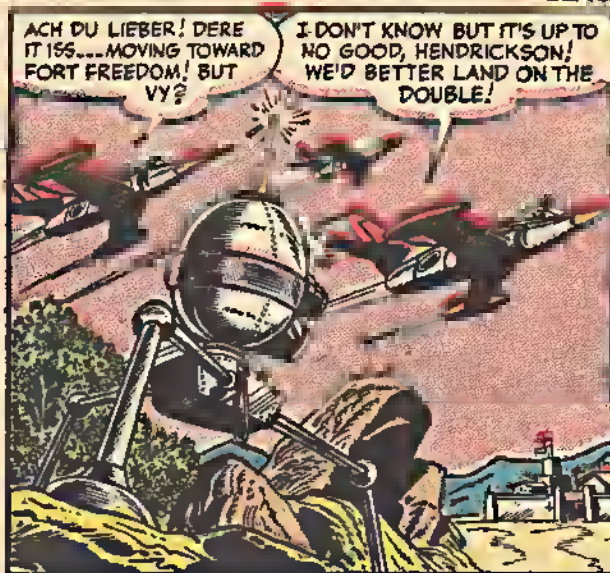
**SEVERAL HOURS LATER, AS THE SLEEK BLACKHAWK JETS COMB THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE!**

MON AMI! I THEENK I HAVE SPOTTED - SOMETHINGS DOWN BELOW... ON ZEE HILL AT EIGHT O'CLOCK!

U'RE RIGHT, ANDRE! THERE IS SOMETHING STRANGE MOVING OVER THAT HILL! LET'S ZOOM DOWN AND SEE WHAT IT IS!

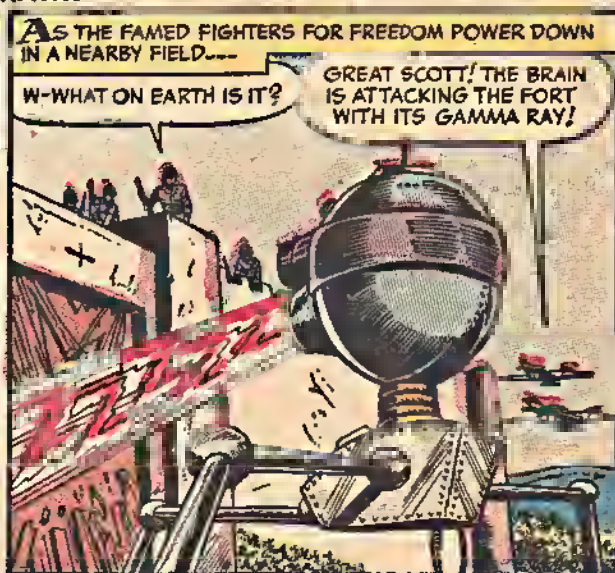






ACH DU LIEBER! DERE IT IS!...MOVING TOWARD FORT FREEDOM! BUT VY?

I DON'T KNOW BUT IT'S UP TO NO GOOD, HENDRICKSON! WE'D BETTER LAND ON THE DOUBLE!



AS THE FAMED FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM POWER DOWN IN A NEARBY FIELD...

W-WHAT ON EARTH IS IT?

GREAT SCOTT! THE BRAIN IS ATTACKING THE FORT WITH ITS GAMMA RAY!



BLASTING THE GATE TO OBLIVION THE OMINOUS BRAIN MOVES WITHIN THE FORTRESS IN SPIDER-LIKE STRIDES!

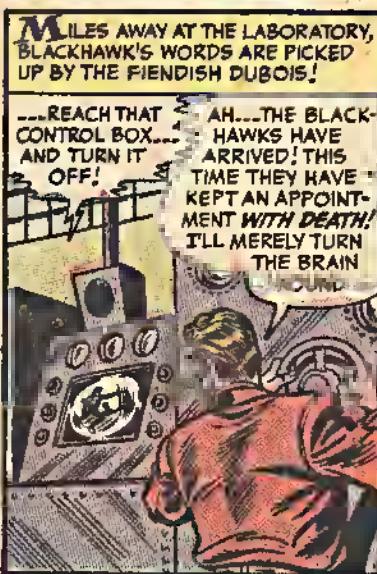
YIIIIIIII!

IT'S NO USE! FALL BACK...THAT THING IS INDESTRUCTIBLE!



THERE IT IS... MOVING UP THOSE STEPS!

HM-M...HEADING RIGHT FOR GENERAL WRIGHT'S QUARTERS! THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE TO STOP THE BRAIN, GANG! WE'VE GOT TO REACH THAT CONTROL BOX... AND TURN IT OFF!



MILES AWAY AT THE LABORATORY, BLACKHAWK'S WORDS ARE PICKED UP BY THE FIENDISH DUBOIS!

...REACH THAT CONTROL BOX... AND TURN IT OFF!

AH...THE BLACK-HAWKS HAVE ARRIVED! THIS TIME THEY HAVE KEPT AN APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH! I'LL MERELY TURN THE BRAIN AROUND.



THERE ARE THE FOOLS NOW! ANOTHER FEW DEGREES AND I'LL FIRE THE GAMMA RAY! PREPARE FOR A CLOSE UP SHOT!



G-GREAT SCOTT! IT'S TURNING AROUND... TO FIRE AT US! HIT THE DIRT, GANG!



A BRUPTLY, FIERY DEATH SPEWS OUT AT THE BLACKHAWKS---



AND AS THE MECHANICAL THING CONTINUES ON---



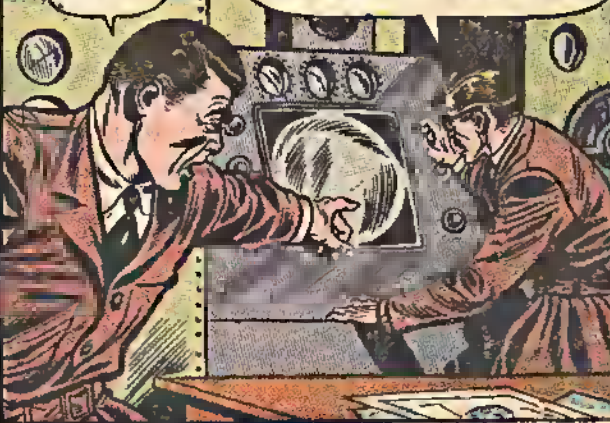
THEN... SHHHH! NOT A SOUND... GENERAL WRIGHT'S VERY LIFE MIGHT DEPEND ON OUR ABSOLUTE SILENCE!

YAH, BLACKHAWK! ? ?



A MOMENT LATER, IN PROFESSOR DUBOIS' LABORATORY---

THE SCREEN...THE EYES OF THE BRAIN ARE BEING BLOTTED OUT! WHA...? SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG! STRANGE...THE INSTRUMENT PANEL SEEMS TO BE IN PERFECT WORKING ORDER!



FRANTICALLY, DUBOIS STRUGGLES TO CLEAR HIS PICTURE WITHOUT SUCCESS! FINALLY...

IT'S NO USE...THE BRAIN MAY BE CAPTURED BY THE BLACKHAWKS IF WE TRY TO OPERATE IT WITHOUT THE CAMERA WORKING! RENKIN... BEAM FULL POWER OUT TO IT...WE'VE GOT TO GET IT BACK FOR REPAIRS!

AT ONCE, PROFESSOR DUBOIS!



AND AT THIS MOMENT AT FORT FREEDOM---

OKAY, GANG... I'VE SNAPPED ITS ANTENNA OFF... I THINK IT'S SAFE TO TALK NOW! DONNERVETTER! BLACKHAWK LEAPED DOWN TO BLIND DER CREATURE ALSO!



SUDDENLY, THE BRAIN VIBRATES WITH A SURGE OF POWER AND... WHA...?

GREAT CATS! T-THE THING'S GONE BESERK! LOOK OUT, BLACKHAWK!



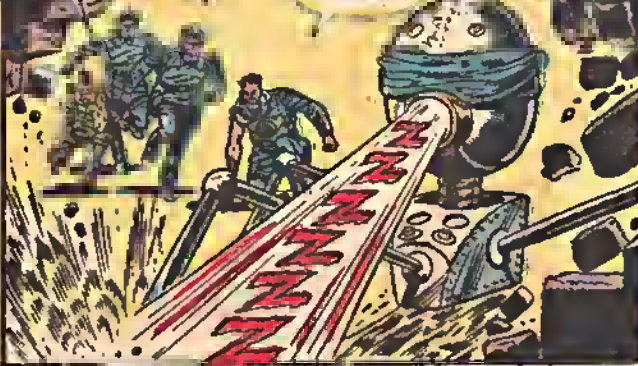


THE STEEL MONSTER'S DEADLY GAMMA RAY CUTS THROUGH THE FORTRESS WALL LIKE BUTTER AS THE THING MOVES FORWARD!

GOLLY CHEE... BLAINY THING RUNNING AWAY!

I BAN GLAD OF THAT!

ON YOUR TOES, GANG... WE'VE GOT TO FOLLOW THAT WALKING JUNK YARD WITHOUT BEING BLOWN TORCHED!



STEALTHILY, THE BLACKHAWKS TRAIL THE BRAIN...

AH, MON AMI... AT LEAST WE HAVE TURNED ZE THING BACK! WE HAVE DEFEATED ZE BRAIN!

WE HAVEN'T DEFEATED THE REAL BRAIN, ANDRE! UNLESS I'M BADLY MISTAKEN YOU'LL SOON SEE WHAT I MEAN!

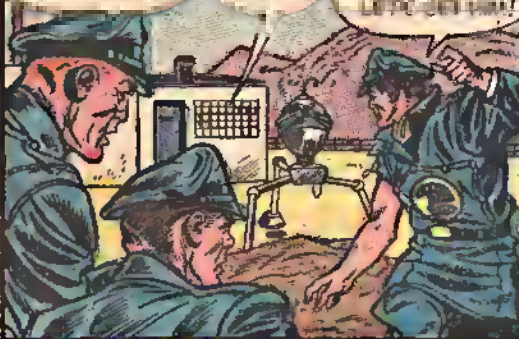


SEVERAL HOURS AFTERWARD, ALL BUT BLACKHAWK HIMSELF ARE STUNNED AS...

IT CANNOT BE, THE BRAIN IS RETURNING TO THE PROFESSOR'S LABORATORY... IT HAS SURRENDERED... BUT WHY?

HECK! IT STILL HAD PLENTY OF FIGHT LEFT!

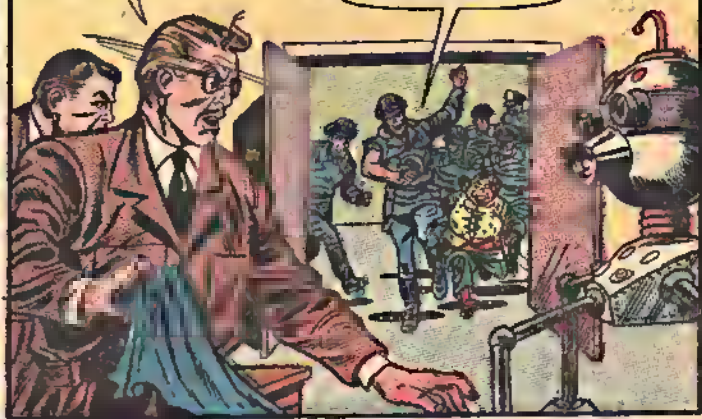
GANG... I'M POSITIVE OF MY CONVICTIONS NOW... PROFESSOR DUBOIS DIRECTED THE BRAIN IN ITS DEADLY ACTIONS!



SHORTLY, THE BLACKHAWKS BURST IN UPON DUBOIS AS...

BLACKHAWK'S SLEEVE... THAT'S WHAT BLINDED THE BRAIN...

HERE'S HIS SECRET LAB, GANG! ALL RIGHT, DUBOIS... YOUR TREACHERY IS AN OPEN BOOK TO US ALL!



THEN, AS BLACKHAWK CONFRONTS THE TRAPPED DUBOIS...

WHEN THE BRAIN TURNED TO ATTACK US BACK AT THE FORT I HEARD A STRANGE CLICKING SOUND... THEN NOTICED THE LIGHT ABOVE ITS OPPOSITE EYE LIGHT UP! THAT REMINDED ME OF ONE THING... A TV CAMERA CHANGING FROM A LONG SHOT TO A CLOSE-UP!

SO, BLACKHAWK, YOU DEDUCED THE BRAIN WAS MAN CONTROLLED... VERY CLEVER!

SUDDENLY, AS DUBOIS' HAND DARTS FOR A DIAL, BLACKHAWK'S FIST LASHES OUT AND...

THE CONTROL BOARD! NO GOOD, PROFESSOR... YOU WON'T TURN THAT THING AGAINST US AGAIN!

WOW! LOOK AT THE BRAIN... I-IT'S GOING CRAZY!



AND AFTERWARD, AS DUBOIS IS SUBDUED...

M-MY BRAIN... ALL THOSE HOURS OF WORK WASTED... MY CREATION DESTROYED!

HOWLING DRAGONS TOOTHIES! BRAIN FALL PLENTY SICKLY!

YES, CHOP CHOP... THANKS TO THE EVIL OF HIS MASTER THE THING'S HAD A MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN!





# AIRBORNE ADVENTURE

**M**ANY men with great minds have turned their talents in the wrong direction. That was true of Felix Dorber, a scientist who was a genius. A lust for wealth had led him to a secluded spot high in the Andes Mountains where he had built a fabulous machine. It was like a tremendous magnet, electrically controlled, and so great in power that it could bring a plane out of the skies and drag it down onto the landing field of his domain.

"There's another one from Kelsey's Air Cargo," he said to himself, rubbing his hands together greedily and smiling with satisfaction. "That plane's carrying gold to Brazil. Only it won't get there."

Dorber watched the plane being pulled to ground. Then he reached for a large switch that would turn off the current. His small beard bobbed up and down as he chuckled to himself. "The gold will be mine," he thought, "and the crew will become slave laborers. The plane will be found crashed at the foot of the mountain. And when a plane is crashed and burned, no one can be blamed for it."

Each plane that he brought down was flown to a distance by one of his own pilots who set it afire and then bailed out. The Andes were high and rugged. Lots of planes had gone down there. And who would suspect that a man was now causing the crack-ups instead of the mountians?

There was one man who became suspicious. He was Bill Kelsey, owner of Kelsey's Air Cargo Company. He sat in his office, talking to two of his pilots, Herb Barnes and Fred Goth. And he made no effort to hide the fact that he was worried.

"We've been losing about one plane out of five," he said. "I called you men in because you're two of my best pilots. Is the jump too high or what is it?"

"It's plenty high," replied Barnes, "but we all know that. We clear it easily at fifteen thousand feet. I can't figure out what happens."

"Me, either," said Goth, shaking his head. "All the guys who have gone down have been good pilots. They knew the same as we do. I think there's something phony going on."

"So do I," agreed Bill Kelsey as he started to pace the floor. "I think there's something mighty phony about the whole business. That's why I called you men in. I want you to find out what it is."

"What do you mean?" asked Fred Goth. "What can we do?"

"I want you to fly close together," Kelsey explained. "I want you to take the route that these other boys have flown. I'm going to install radio communication in your planes so that you can keep in touch. If anything unusual happens, report it. Will you go along with that?"

"Sure," answered Barnes. "I will." And Goth was equally anxious. "Because," he said, "this has gone a little too far for comfort. If there's something behind this, I want to know what it is."

A few days later, the two men flew over the high ridge. Suddenly, Goth's plane went out of control. He radioed to Barnes, "Steer clear. I'm going down and I can't seem to do anything about it. The plane's okay." And that was all.

Herb Barnes reported to Kelsey. "I saw him go down," he said. "I watched what happened. Maybe it sounds silly but it looked as if some magnetic force dragged him down."

"A magnet works on metal," muttered Kelsey. "But we have a new plastic plane in the making. Maybe—"

"Let me test it," offered Barnes. "I'd like to."

Felix Dorber saw the plane circling overhead. He pushed the switch to bring it down but the magnet didn't work as it had before. He watched the plane go away and then return later. It landed and he gave orders to let the pilot into his house. He was curious to know why his machine hadn't worked.

But Herb Barnes wasn't there to play around. He saw the switch and got the pitch. With one blow, he laid Dorber cold. Then he examined the switch to see that it was off. Then he ran to join his friends who had been penned up for the night, as Dorber always demanded of his slaves. Let free, they out-numbered and overpowered Dorber's men. It wasn't long until they were overcome and locked up.

Barnes put his arms around Goth. "We did it, fella," he said. "We caught this crazy crook."

"Crazy is right," replied Goth. "Better take off now and tell Kelsey what happened. And send planes to get us all out of here."

"I will," grinned Herb Barnes. "And from now on, there won't be any air accidents. At least, not because of Felix Dorber, the Sky Bandit."



# BLACKHAWK



**IT COULDN'T BE TRUE... BUT IT WAS!!**  
 THE BRAVE YEARS OF BATTLE AGAINST ALL CRUELTY AND TYRANNY VANISHED IN AN INSTANT!  
 HOW COULD BLACKHAWK HAVE CHANGED SIDES SO SWIFTLY AND COMPLETELY? HOW COULD HE  
 DELIVER HIS FRIENDS INTO ENEMY HANDS, TO BECOME...

## SLAVES OF THE DISABLER RAY

**TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED, VISIT THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF A CERTAIN SECRET SCIENCE PROJECT OF THE COMMUNISTS, JUST INSIDE THE IRON CURTAIN.**

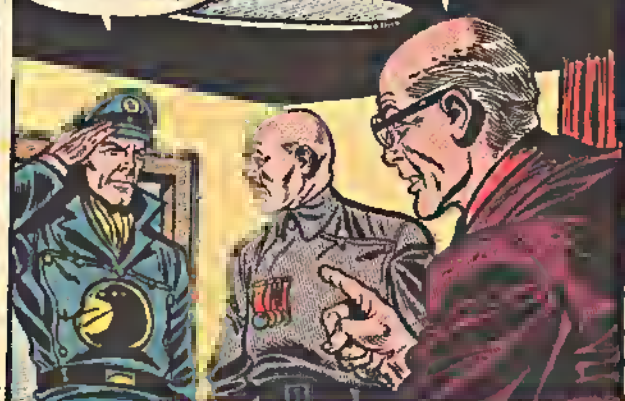
PROFESSOR KOTSKY! THAT MAN WITH YOU... HE'S BLACKHAWK!

ONLY A REASONABLE FACSIMILE, COMRADE LUBOFF! ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO RED HAWK!



PLASTIC SURGERY... CLOSE STUDY OF NEWSREELS AND VOICE RECORDS... I HAVE SPENT YEARS, COMRADE, IN PERFECTING MY RESEMBLANCE TO BLACKHAWK!

AND WITH THIS CLEVER IMITATION OF THE CAPITALIST HERO, I THINK WE CAN TRAP THE WHOLE FLOCK OF REAL BLACKHAWKS!

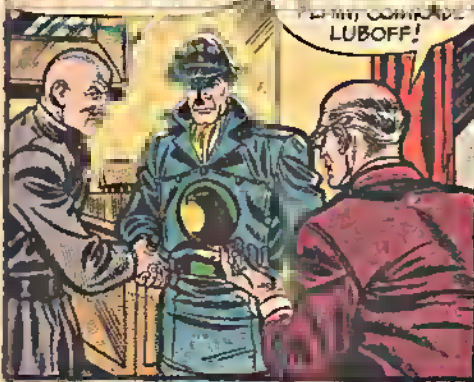




# BLACKHAWK

BUT HOW CAN RED HAWK DO THIS? I DO NOT UNDERSTAND... I'VE WORKED SO LONG ON THE *DISABLER RAY*, AND NOW I NEED ONLY MEN CAPABLE OF USING IT ON OUR ENEMIES!

EXACTLY! RED HAWK WILL PARACHUTE TO EARTH NEAR THE BLACKHAWK LAIR AND *BRING BACK THE MEN YOU NEED!* I'LL EX-  
-LUCKY COMRADE LUBOFF!



**KOTSKY OUTLINES HIS CUNNING PLOT! LATER, AT DEAD OF NIGHT, A PARACHUTE DROPS DOWN WHERE THE BLACKHAWKS ARE CAMPED BETWEEN MISSIONS...**



**JUST BEFORE SUNRISE...**

I DID NOT RECOGNIZE YOU, BLACKHAWK! I THOUGHT YOU WERE INSIDE ASLEEP!

I'M RETURNING FROM A SECRET COUNCIL, SENTRY!



HERE THEY ARE! EVERY MAN LOST IN DREAMS... EXCEPT THEIR LEADER IN THE NEXT ROOM!



HE NEITHER SEES NOR HEARS ME! ONE QUICK STROKE WITH THE DAGGER, AND...



**A FEW MOMENTS LATER...**

VAS ISS, ANDRE?

IN BLACKHAWKS ROOM, HENDRICKSON! I HEARD A CRASH! COME ON, MES AMIS!



BLACKHAWK! WE HEARD ZE NOISE! TROUBLE, EH?

NO TROUBLE AT ALL, ANDRE! BUT I'M GLAD YOU'RE AWAKE! WE'VE GOT A NEW ADVENTURE COMING UP! ATTENTION TO ORDERS!





THEN THE PEERLESS SQUADRON OF FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM TAKES THE AIR...

MIGHTY SUDDEN TAKE-OFF FOR THE BLACKHAWKS! BUT THEY NEVER DO ANYTHING WITHOUT A GOOD REASON... WONDER WHAT IT IS THIS TIME?

THROUGH ALL THE SPACIOUS SKY RINGS FORTH OUR BATTLE-CRY... WE'RE BLACKHAWKS!



THEY FLY INTO FORBIDDEN TERRITORY AND THE MAN WHO COMMANDS GIVES ORDERS...

BLACKHAWK! WHAT'S OUR TARGET?

HEAD FOR THAT LITTLE VALLEY AMONG THE HILLS UP AHEAD!



LOOKS LIKE A SEARCHLIGHT DOWN THERE, BLACKHAWK! WHY DOES IT SHINE IN THE DAYTIME?

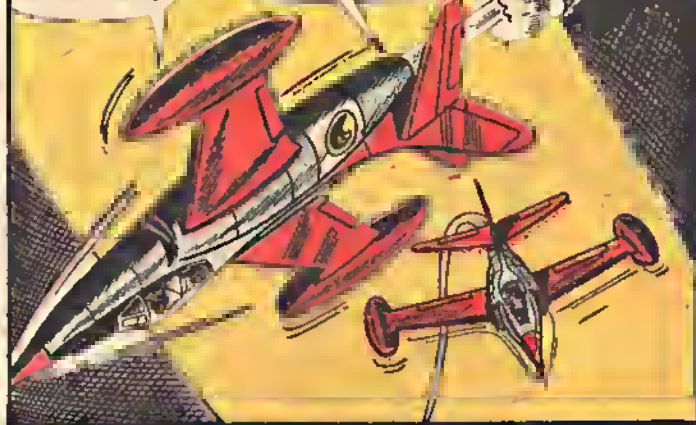
WE'LL GO SEE, CHUCK! HEAD INTO THAT BEAM, EVERYONE!



BUT, AS THEY SPEED INTO THE YELLOW GLOW...

BY YUPITER, STANISLAUS! MY PLANE BAN STALL... BAD!

MINE TOO, OLAF! THAT BEAM'S DONE SOMETHING TO THE ENGINE!



CAREFULLY, THEY LAND THEIR HELPLESS PLANES...

HERE COME THE OTHERS, OLAF! HOPE THEY MAKE IT ALL RIGHT!

QUICK, NOW! WE BAN GO TO FIX UP ENGINES QUICK!



WHO BAN THIS BUNCH OF...

TAKE THEM ALIVE, MEN! ALL OF THEM!





# BLACKHAWK

HERE I COME, OLAF!  
HAWKAAAA!

UP UND AT DEM,  
CHUCK!



AT ONCE, BATTLE RAGES...THE BLACKHAWKS AGAINST TERRIBLE ODDS!

ZE FRENCH SAVATE...  
TRY ZIS BOOT ON YOUR  
FACE FOR SIZE!

GOOD WORK...RED BOY!  
BLOCK WITH YOUR NOSE  
EVERY TIME!



BUT NOT EVEN THE BLACKHAWKS CAN WIN AGAINST SO  
MANY!

DONNERWETTER!  
IF I ONLY HAD **THREE**  
FISTS!

TIE THEM UP AND CARRY  
THEM TO THE DUNGEON  
UNDER THE HEADQUARTERS  
BUILDING!



I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND  
HOW IT HAPPENED! THAT  
SEARCHLIGHT BEAM CONKED  
OUT OUR ENGINES! NOW  
THEY'VE GOT ALL OF US...

NOT ALLEE EVELYBODY,  
CHUCK! **BLACKHLAWK**  
NO GET CAUGHT!  
LOOKEE SEE!



SO FAR SO GOOD,  
RED HAWK! YOU LED  
THEM INTO THE  
DISABLER RAY TRAP  
LIKE SO MANY SHEEP!

NOW COMES THE  
SECOND PART OF YOUR  
JOB! WE NEED THEIR  
FIGHTING SKILL!  
**PERSUADE THEM  
TO JOIN US!**



DID BLACKHAWK  
ESCAPE, MES AMIS?  
WEEL WE SEE HIM  
AGAIN?

LOOK AROUND AND YOU'LL  
SEE ME NOW, ANDRE!





# BLACKHAWK

YOU'VE BEEN CAPTURED, BUT I'M GOING TO GET YOU OUT OF THIS! REMEMBER AN OLD, OLD PROVERB... IF YOU CAN'T LICK 'EM, JOIN 'EM!



YOU MEAN, JOIN THESE RATS WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING? BLACKHAWK, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S YOU TALKING LIKE THIS!



I'M TALKING ALL RIGHT, CHUCK, SO LISTEN! THE REDS HAVE THE BIGGEST FIGHTING MACHINE IN THE WORLD... THEY'RE GOING TO WIN OUT... AND WHEN THEY WIN THEY'LL BRING PEACE AND PROGRESS!

THEY NEED US... WE'LL NEED THEM! WHEN THE FIGHTING'S ALL OVER, WE'LL BE TOP BRASS IN THE WORLD SOVIET! I'VE NEVER STEERED YOU WRONG YET, SO TRUST ME!



VELL... I HAF ALWAYS TRUSTED BLACKHAWK! IF YOU TURN RED, MEIN FRIEND, SO DO I!

SACRE BLEU, I TURN RED, TOO!

WE'LL ALL FOLLOW BLACKHAWK!



WAIT!

THE WORLD KNOWS THAT BLACKHAWKS NEVER BREAK THEIR SWORN WORD! DO YOU SOLEMNLY PROMISE TO JOIN OUR SIDE?

WE ALL SWEAR ON OUR HONOR... WE WEEL FOLLOW AND OBEY BLACKHAWK IN ZIS NEW SERVICE!



QUICKLY THE CAPTIVES ARE FREED...

BUT TELLEE QUICK, BLACKHAWK! WHAT IS LIGHT THAT MAKEE PLANE COME DOWN SO FAST?



I'M GOING TO LET COMRADE LUBOFF EXPLAIN THAT TO YOU!

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YOU HAVE ONLY THE TWO RAY-THROWERS, LUBOFF...THIS SMALL ONE AND THE BIG SEARCHLIGHT MODEL? HOW ABOUT FORMULAS AND BLUEPRINTS TO MAKE MORE?

I CARRY THOSE SECRETS IN MY HEAD! NOBODY BUT MYSELF KNOWS THEM....I'LL GET ALL THE CREDIT!

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I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE DISABLER RAY, CHOP CHOP! I'M MORE INTERESTED IN YOUR COOKING!

SO GLAD YOU LIKE! IS MY OWN SPECIAL BLACKHAWK FLAPPY-FLACKS!

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LET CHUCK TRY OUT THE NEW MECHANISM, BEFORE LUBOFF BUILDS THEM FOR OUR OTHER PLANES!

GOOD! PRACTISE USING IT IN FLIGHT!

**CHUCK TAKES TO THE AIR, AND THEN....**

BUT... HE'S USING THE RAY ON MY BIG GROUND DISABLER!

YES, OF COURSE! THAT WILL STALL IT FOREVER! YOUR RED ARMY CAN'T USE IT... UNLESS YOU FIX IT FOR THEM!

RED HAWK, YOU'VE TURNED TRAITOR!

CORRECTION, PLEASE! I'M BLACKHAWK, AND I'VE STAYED TRUE TO MY OWN SIDE! GRAB HIM, MEN!





HELP ME, KOTSKY!  
THE BLACKHAWKS...

YOU TALKEE MISTA KLOTSKY!  
BUT HE NO TALKEE YOU!

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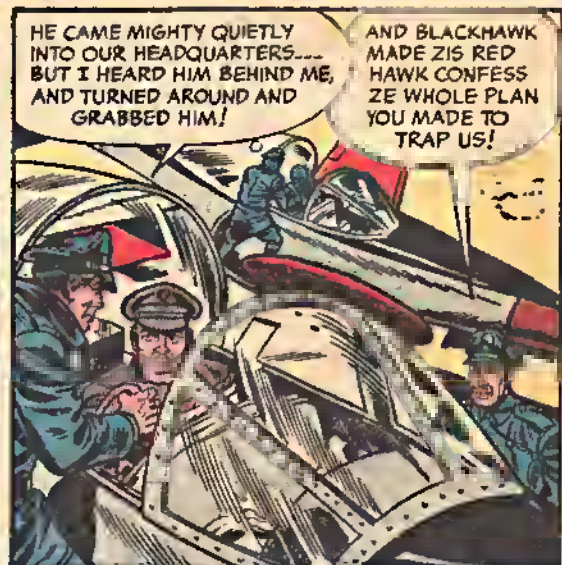
ME PUTTEE SLEEPY  
FLOWDER IN HIS  
FLAPPY-JACK!  
NO WAKEE FOR  
LONG TIME NOW!

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I SAID—  
CHOP CHOP'S THE SMARTEST  
OF ALL THE BLACKHAWKS!



GET INTO MY PLANE! WE'LL  
GET THEM ALL RUNNING,  
AND TAKE YOU AND KOTSKY  
BACK TO A FREE COUNTRY!

BUT RED HAWK WAS  
SUPPOSED TO KILL  
BLACKHAWK!



HE CAME MIGHTY QUIETLY  
INTO OUR HEADQUARTERS....  
BUT I HEARD HIM BEHIND ME,  
AND TURNED AROUND AND  
GRABBED HIM!

AND BLACKHAWK  
MADE ZIS RED  
HAWK CONFESS  
ZE WHOLE PLAN  
YOU MADE TO  
TRAP US!



WHEN WE KNEW WHAT WAS  
UP, WE DECIDE TO COME  
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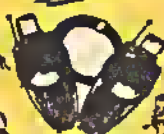
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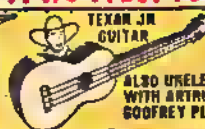


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